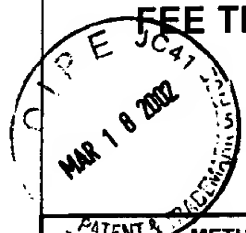


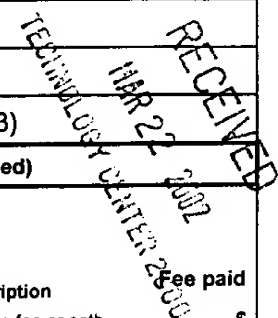
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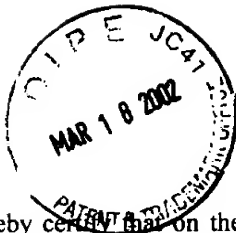
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 45 and 46.

Please amend claims 47 and 48 as follows:

47. (Amended) A method of treating a wafer, comprising:
depositing a first conductive layer onto the wafer;
exposing the wafer in situ to a reducing environment; and
depositing a second conductive layer; and
exposing said wafer in situ to an N₂/H₂ plasma prior to said step
of depositing a second conductive layer.

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